

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2742 without my signature.

While I am supportive of the author's goal of providing adequate medical treatment and proper notification to inmates and wards, this measure would result in an increase in costs and bureaucracy while decreasing the time physicians spend with patients.

AB 2742 diverts the attention of prison doctors away from concerted efforts to improve medical care by requiring unnecessary procedural paperwork. This bill will not improve inmate health care as the author intends, but instead redirects resources and attention away from implementing the enhancements to the Inmate Medical Services Program.

For these reasons I am unable to support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger